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Subject: Port Saint Nicholas Road
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I am writing in support of the Port St. Nicholas Road project here in Craig, Ak. We have heard that the state of Alaska has proposed to delay their \$3 million match to the BIA until 2009. This is a very dangerous road, and should be moved to top priority, not delayed. It was originally constructed as a logging road, but, as Craig and the outlying areas have grown and progressed, there are now around 350 residents who live on the road. There's been no upgrades since the logging days. There have been several accidents out here due to the road's condition. It is only a matter of time until one of them is fatal. I invite you to come drive it. At night it reminds me of those monster truck motocross competitions. At first you see headlights shining up in the air, then down as residents swerve, and their cars twist. The road is narrow, windy, with either no slope, or sloping the wrong direction, and full of DEEP potholes. Nearly everyone out here drives on the wrong side in spots, myself included, as they try to avoid these holes. We have school bus service out here now, but if there is any snow at all, or ice they cannot run as it is too dangerous. Talk to any PSN Rd. resident, and they will have a story to tell of an accident, or a near accident, or, at the very least, damage to their vehicles. There have been so many roads and highways upgraded around our state, that I cannot imagine the reason that one in as bad a shape as Port ST. Nicholas has been neglected, and now may be put off even longer! Please don't let this happen, as it is a fatal accident waiting to happen. Thank You. Carla Smith